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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #1
June 5, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on Friday, June 5, 2015 in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Tsiatas, and Welters were present; Senator Sullivan was absent.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #41, May 5, 2015 were approved.
3. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported that, subsequent to the [student learning outcome] rubric workshops hosted in April and May, she had discussed the implementation of the General Education program with the General Education Implementation Steering Team (GEIST). She had been informed that the General Education Committee was revising the rubrics based on the feedback from the faculty in the workshops (54 faculty members responded to the workshop survey). Chairperson Rollo-Koster expressed concern that the rubrics had not been designed by faculty with a focus on general education. Discussion ensued. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported that members of GEIST had met with a senior administrator of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) to discuss standards affecting URI in its next accreditation (2017). The GEIST members reported to Chairperson Rollo-Koster that there are questions regarding the assessment of our planned general education program that should be addressed at this stage of implementation. Discussion continued. Chairperson Rollo-Koster asked FSEC members to review the rubrics that were posted on the temporary Gen Ed website and prepare for discussion at the next FSEC meeting. Senator Rarick urged the Committee to consider requesting that GEIST host a second set of information sessions/workshops to allow faculty to review the revised rubrics. The difficulty of engaging faculty during the summer months was discussed. The FSEC decided to consider a date during the week before the start of the Fall 2015 semester.

- b.** The FSEC discussed standing and joint committee appointments. Ms. Neff indicated that she would follow up with letters to those selected to serve.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff